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SUBJECT: INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

REF: NICOSIA 2102

1. HAVING JUST ANNOUNCED SPEEDED-UP, TWICE-WEEKLY SESSIONS, INTERLOCUTORS, FOLLOWING DEC 7 MEETING, STATED NEXT NEGOTIATIONS POSTPONED UNTIL DEC 18 TO ALLOW DENKTASH AND CLERIDES PREPARE WRITTEN POSITIONS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUE. DURING BREAK, CLERIDES AND DENKTASH PLAN TO MEET PRIVATELY, AS DO CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS DEKLERIS AND ALDIKACTI.

2. DEC 8 CLERIDES TOLD AMB THAT ARCHBISHOP PLANS NO INITIATIVES RE TALKS BUT PREFERS STALL, PENDING DEVELOPMENTS IN ATHENS, ETC. ACCORDING DEKLERIS (DEC 7), UNLIKELY INTERLOCUTORS CAN POSTPONE SUCCESS OR FAILURE IN ADDRESSING LOCAL GOVT ISSUE MUCH BEYOND MID-WINTER. HE SOUNDS PESSIMISTIC.

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3. COMMENT: AS WE NOTED IN OCT (REFTEL), TALKS UNLIKELY

MAKE MUCH PROGRESS. PARTICIPANTS ARE SETTling DOWN TO LARGELY
PRO FORMA MEETINGS SEPARATED BY LENGTHY DELAYS. HOWEVER,
SO LONG AS NEITHER SIDE WISHES BEAR ONUS OF BREAKING OFF
NEGOTIATIONS, WE SUSPECT THEY WILL CONTINUE, HOWEVER
INFREQUENTLY AND DEVOID OF CONTENT. END COMMENT.
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